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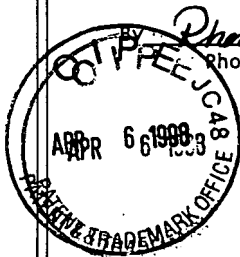
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )

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Application No.: 08/761,336 )

Filed: December 10, 1996 )

For: RECORDING MEDIA HAVING  
PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS OF  
HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL  
AMORPHOUS CARBON AND  
METHODS FOR THEIR  
PRODUCTION )

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 1997, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 10, 12, and 13, please add 38-48, and please cancel claims 5-7 and 17-37, as follows. All claims are set forth for convenient reference.

1. (Amended) A method for producing magnetic recording media, the method comprising:
  - forming a magnetic layer over a substrate;
  - supporting the substrate in a deposition chamber;
  - ionizing a source material in a plasma chamber so as to form a plasma containing ions which comprise carbon; and